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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7629**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 504**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 17, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** TANF.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Miller

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill changes references from "Aid to Families with Dependent Children program" (AFDC) to "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program" (TANF).

The bill requires TANF applicants to participate in employment and job opportunities and that applicants who refuse to participate may be sanctioned. The bill also removes a provision that makes a person convicted of specified misdemeanors ineligible for TANF. It specifies when a dependent child is eligible for TANF and removes the high school diploma or equivalency certificate requirement. It also makes certain TANF records confidential and not subject to disclosure.

The bill repeals: (1) a provision requiring the diversion of a grant to subsidize child care costs; (2) a provision that allowed for payment of care to be made directly to the person furnishing the care; (3) language regarding the amount of assistance available to a person who was previously eligible under AFDC; (4) a provision allowing the county office to designate a responsible person to receive assistance for a dependent child if the person essential to the well-being of the child is not providing proper care or not capable or properly spending assistance; (5) a provision allowing a person whose income would otherwise make the person ineligible for TANF to qualify for Medicaid assistance or transitional child care assistance under certain circumstances; (6) a provision allowing for a lawful permanent resident to be eligible for assistance and transitional benefits for one year; (7) provisions requiring assistance certificates and certificate requirements; (8) a chapter on change of residence for TANF recipients; and (9) a provision requiring that payments must be made monthly to recipients by warrant.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Changes:* This bill makes multiple statutory changes pertaining to the TANF program. The Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) reports that the changes are consistent with current practice. Thus, no fiscal impact is anticipated from the changes.

*Auditor of State and Budget Agency:* The bill requires the Auditor of State and Budget Agency to: (1) change the name of any account that refers to the AFDC program to the TANF program, and (2) make any other changes necessary to meet the requirements set forth in (1). Both the Auditor of State and Budget Agency should be able to do so within their existing level of resources.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** FSSA; Auditor of State; Budget Agency.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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